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**VIA ELECTRONIC FILING**

Marlene H. Dortch  
Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street, SW  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: *Lifeline and Link Up Reform and Modernization*, WC Docket No. 11-42

Dear Ms. Dortch:

On August 8, 2012, Dr. Michel Guite and Tess Gauthier with the Vermont Telephone Company ("VTel") spoke by telephone with Jonathan Lechter of the Wireline Competition Bureau ("Bureau") regarding VTel's application to participate in the Commission's broadband adoption Lifeline pilot program. On August 13, 2012, Ms. Gauthier had a follow up conversation with Mr. Lechter regarding VTel's application. Both conversations concerned supplemental information that the Bureau has requested VTel file regarding its proposed participation in the pilot program, which VTel is in the process of preparing.

Pursuant to 47 C.F.R. § 1.1206 of the Commission's rules, please include this ex parte filing in the above-referenced docket.

Sincerely yours,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be "B. Ross", with a long horizontal line extending to the right.

Bennett L. Ross

cc: Jonathan Lechter